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Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives realize that the rank of Eagle Scout is a performance-based achievement, the proud standards of which have been well maintained for many years; and

Whereas, Matthew David Sims will receive the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout during a Court of Honor ceremony to be held on March 30, 2008, at Raytown Christian Church; and

Whereas, Matthew, a member of Boy Scout Troop 285, successfully met the requirements to attain Eagle status by completing his Eagle project which involved painting the youth ministry areas at Westridge Christian Church in Raytown; and

Whereas, during his years in Scouting, Matthew mastered several challenging and diverse skills to earn twenty-nine merit badges and the status of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, where he has taken the tribal name Small Thundering White Stallion; and

Whereas, Matthew demonstrated his capability and willingness to exert leadership by fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of Librarian, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader; and

Whereas, Matthew developed immense personal growth and fitness by participating in the many assorted activities the Boy Scouts offers, some of which include attending Brownsea Double-Two Leadership Training; and

Whereas, Matthew's attainment of the Eagle rank will be recognized at all levels of our society as being a great achievement that required considerable dedication and effort:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Matthew Sims for the steadfast determination he displayed in his pursuit to attain the rank of Eagle and in wishing him continued success in all future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Eagle Scout Matthew David Sims.

Offered by
Representative Will Kraus
District No. 48
I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1432, adopted April 2, 2008.
Rod Jetton, Speaker